receipt of demands from State Government and progress of work.

Sanctioned strength of the staff in CPWD

287. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of the Staff in CPWD during 1984 to 1988 in the posts of (i) Chief Engineer (Civil and Elect.), (ii) Superintending Engineers (Civil and Elect.), (iii) Executive Engineers (Civil and Elect.) (v) Assistant Engineers (Civil and Elect.), (vi) Junior Engineers (Civil and Elect); and

(b) the number of posts in each category likely to fall vacant in 1988 and 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Drinking water facilities in Re-settlement Colonies and Slum-Dwellers

288. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has accorded top priority to the supply of drinking water in re-settlement colonies and slum-dwellers; if so, by when drinking water would be made available to these areas;

(b) what is the scheme to provide safe potable water and whether the scheme would be extended to unauthorisd regularised colonies around Delhi; and

(c) what is the financial outlay and when would the scheme be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Drinking water supply has been extended to all the 44 resettlement colonies on priority basis. Potable water to the slum dwellers is being supplied through water tankers as a temporary measure. Scheme to provide drinking water through public hydrants|deep hand pumps on a regular basis to the JJ Clusters has already been taken up for implementation.

(b) Potable water supply is extended to all approved colonies including resettlement colonies developed by various agencies. 541 unauthorised colonies which have since been regularised are also to be covered with potable water supply subject to technical feasibility and availability of source of water and on payment of development charges at Rs. 15|- per sq. mt. of the plotted area. Work for laying of water mains in the regularised|unauthorised colonies is taken up on receipt of initial 10 per cent of development charges. There is no proposal to supply potable water to unauthorised colonies which have not been regularised.

(c) There is a plan outlay of Rs. 3291 lacs under the Annual Plan 1988-89 for augmentation of water supply. Out of the above allotment a sum of Rs. 200 lacs has been provided for extending drinking water supply to unauthorised regularised colonies during the current financial year. 47 colonies have already been covered out of 113 colonies proposed to be covered during this year. Extension of water supply to the remaining 66 colonies depends on receipt of initial 10 per cent of development charges.

The financial outlay for supply of water in the Jhuggi Jhonpri Clusters through water tankers till the on-set

of Monsoon 1989 is Rs. 200|- lacs. Before onset of Monsoon 1989 drinking water to Jhuggi Dwellers will be made through public hydrants|deep hand pumps.

Havoc caused by earthquakes in Bihar etc.

289. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent of havoc caused by the earthquake in Bihar and other places in September last?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): The extent of damage caused by earthquake of 21st August, 1988 in Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim is given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

Statement

Bihar ..

1. Number of districts affected 18.

2. Number of human lives lost 282.

3. Number of persons injured 3767.

4. Houses damaged 149334.

5. Damage has been reported to buildings, roads, bridges, culverts; hospitals, animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries, power stations, embankments, irrigation systems educational institutions etc.

Sikkim

1. Number of districts affected 4.

2. Number of human lives lost 2.

3. Number of houses damaged 12806.

4. Damage has been reported to crops, water supply installations, religious institutions, roads, bridges, buildings, educational institutions, livestock, irrigation systems, forest animal husbandry, power installations, etc.

West Bengal

1. Human lives lost Nil.

2. No. of persons injured 5.

Extensive damages reported to the buildings specially in Darjeeling Sadar Sub-Division, Darjeeling Railway Station, Jalapathar Telephone Exchange Building|Sanatorium, Buthia Busty town out post and collectorate building in Darjeeling town, Water pipeline damaged at some places.

Roads communication from Kalimpong and from Darjeeling to Siliguri distrupted due to landslides and cracks.

Price of Neptha supplied to fertiliser manufacturers

290. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the price of Naptha being supplied by Government to the manufacturers of fertilizers in the country;

(b) to what extent this price is different from the prices of Nāptha being supplied in other countries like USA, USSR and other developing countries;

(c) whether Government propose to review the price structure of Neptha in the interest of the farmers; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. R. PRABHU): (a) Naphtha is being supplied for the manufacture of fertilizers at Rs. 1982.31 per M.T. exclusive of applicable excise duty.

(b) Details of prices of Naphtha in countries like USA, USSR and other developing countries are not available.